



Businessman Jean-Luc Allavena walks after visiting the marine thermal energy company SeaWergie during the French president's two-day state visit in Monaco



Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency Reza Najafi reacts upon arrival for the IAEA's Board of Governors meeting in Vienna, Austria



Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer speaks as he takes part in a panel discussion during the London Tech Week, in London



Lithuania's Prez Gitanas Nausėda arrives for a meeting with Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba at the Prime Minister's office in Tokyo

California governor plans to file lawsuit against Trump

AP, LOS ANGELES: California Gov. Gavin Newsom said he planned to file a law-suit Monday against President Donald Trump in response to the administration's extraordinary deployment of the National Guard to confront immigration protesters who took to the streets in Los Angeles.

"Commandeering a state's National Guard without consulting the Governor of that state is illegal and immoral," Newsom, a Democrat, told MSNBC on Sunday.

The streets of the sprawling city of 4 million people were mostly quiet Monday morning, the day after crowds blocked off a major freeway and set self-driving cars on fire as law enforcement responded with tear gas, rubber bullets and flash-bang grenades.



A man holds signs as Waymo vehicles burn, while protesters clash with law enforcement in the streets surrounding the federal building during a protest following federal immigration operations in Los Angeles

Sunday's protests were centred in several blocks of downtown and a handful of other places. It was the third and most intense day of demonstrations against Trump's immigration crackdown in the region, as the arrival of

around 300 Guard troops spurred anger and fear among many residents.

Many protesters dispersed as evening fell and police declared an unlawful assembly, a precursor to officers moving in and arresting those who

don't leave. Some of those who stayed threw objects at police from behind a makeshift barrier. Others hurled chunks of concrete, rocks, electric scooters and fireworks at California Highway Patrol officers and their vehicles parked

LA UNREST MARKS LATEST CLASH OF US PRESIDENTS, STATES OVER NATIONAL GUARD

AFP, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES: Donald Trump's deployment of California's National Guard marks the first time in decades that a US president openly defied a state governor and sent troops to an emergency zone. By ordering 2,000 guardsmen to Los Angeles to help quell protests against raids by US immigration agents, Trump essentially mounted a takeover of the state's military regiments to address "lawlessness" on the city's streets. The National Guard is a reserve military rooted in the 17th century local militias created in the American colonies before the country's founding. Since then the guard has had multiple responsibilities: domestic disaster relief and security, homeland defense and prevention of civil unrest; and acting as reserve forces for US military deployments overseas. Presidential orders to deploy guardsmen domestically are not uncommon. But clashes between a president and governor over deployments – or the lack thereof, such as during the US Capitol riot by Trump supporters on January 6, 2021 while he was still in office – have been rare.

on the closed southbound 101 Freeway. Officers ran under an overpass to take cover at one point.

The Guard was deployed

specifically to protect federal buildings, including the downtown detention centre where protesters concentrated.

Travel ban on, citizens from 12 nations barred from US

AFP, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES: President Donald Trump's sweeping new travel ban came into effect early Monday immediately after midnight, barring citizens from a dozen nations from entering the United States and reviving a divisive measure from his first term.

The move is expected to disrupt refugee pathways and further restrict immigration as the Trump administration expands its crackdown on illegal entries.

Many of the nations covered by the restrictions have adversarial relations with the United States, such as Iran and Afghanistan, while others face severe crises, like Haiti and Libya.

In announcing his restrictions last week, Trump said the new measure was spurred by a recent "terrorist attack" on Jews in Colorado.

The group had been protesting in solidarity with hostages held in Gaza when they were assaulted by a man the White House said

had overstayed his visa. That attack, Trump said, "underscored the extreme dangers posed to our country by the entry of foreign nationals who are not properly vetted" or who overstay their visas.

The move bans all travel to the United States by nationals of Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, according to the White House.

Trump also imposed a partial ban on travelers from Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela. Some temporary work visas from those countries will be allowed.

New countries could be added, Trump warned, "as threats emerge around the world."

Mehria, a 23-year-old woman from Afghanistan who applied for refugee status, said the new rules have trapped her and many other Afghans in uncertainty.

GLITTERING GLACIER



Partial view of the Perito Moreno Glacier at Los Glaciares National Park near El Calafate, Santa Cruz province, Argentina

Ukraine says Russia launched biggest overnight drone attack till date

AP, KYIV: Russia launched almost 500 drones at Ukraine in the biggest overnight drone bombardment of the three-year war, the Ukrainian air force said Monday, as the Kremlin pressed its summer offensive amid direct peace talks that have yet to deliver progress on stopping the fighting.

Despite the difficulties in reaching a ceasefire, Russia and Ukraine swapped another batch of prisoners of war Monday.

In addition to the 479 drones, 20 missiles of various types were fired at different parts of Ukraine from Sunday to Monday, according to the air force, which said the barrage targeted mainly central and

RUSSIA, UKRAINE SWAP PRISONERS IN LARGE-SCALE EXCHANGE

AFP, KYIV, UKRAINE: Russia and Ukraine on Monday swapped a first group of captured soldiers - part of an agreement reached during peace talks that appeared to be in doubt over the weekend. The deal to exchange prisoners of war and repatriate the bodies of killed fighters was the only concrete agreement reached at the talks, which have failed to lead to a breakthrough towards ending the three-year war. Progress has stalled. Russia has issued tough conditions for halting its invasion and has repeatedly rejected calls for an unconditional ceasefire. "Today an exchange began, which will continue in several stages over the coming days," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on social media. He posted images of soldiers draped in Ukrainian flags, cheering and hugging.

western areas.

Ukraine's air force said its air defences intercepted and destroyed 277 drones and 19 missiles,

claiming only 10 drones or missiles hit their targets. Officials said one person was injured. It was not possible to independently

verify the claims.

A recent escalation in aerial attacks has coincided with a renewed Russian battlefield push along eastern and northeastern parts of the roughly 1,000-kilometre front line.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said late Sunday that in some of those areas, "the situation is very difficult." He provided no details.

Ukraine is short-handed on the front line against its bigger enemy and needs more military support from its Western partners, especially air defences. But uncertainty about the US policy on the war has fuelled doubts about how much help Kyiv can count on.

Iran to submit own nuclear proposal to US

AFP, TEHRAN, IRAN: Iran said on Monday it will soon present a counter-proposal on a nuclear deal with the United States, after it had described Washington's offer as containing "ambiguities".

Tehran and Washington have held five rounds of talks since April to thrash out a new nuclear accord to replace the deal with major powers that US President Donald Trump abandoned during his first term in 2018.

The longtime foes have been locked in a diplomatic standoff over Iran's

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Iranian conservative politician



uranium enrichment, with Tehran defending it as a "non-negotiable" right and Washington describing it as a "red line".

On May 31, after the fifth round of talks, Iran said it had received "elements" of a US proposal, with Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi later saying the text con-

tained "ambiguities".

Foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei criticised the US proposal as "lacking elements" reflective of the previous rounds of negotiations, without providing further details.

"We will soon submit our own proposed plan to the other side through (medi-

ator) Oman once it is finalised," Baqaei told a weekly press briefing.

"It is a proposal that is reasonable, logical and balanced, and we strongly recommend that the American side value this opportunity."

Also on Monday, Deputy Foreign Minister Majid Takht-Ravanchi told state news agency IRNA that Iran's response "is a framework for agreement".

"If we reach an understanding on this framework in principle, further extensive negotiations will begin on its details," he added.

US deports 37 illegal Nepali nationals

PTI, KATHMANDU: The US government has deported 37 Nepali nationals who were illegally staying in America, an official said on Monday.

A chartered flight carrying the illegal Nepali nationals arrived from the US here on Sunday evening, an Immigration Department official said.

Anjan Neupane, spokesperson for the Immigration Office at Tribhuvan International Airport, said that with Sunday's deportation, 177 Nepali nationals illegally staying in the US had been sent back since President Donald Trump assumed office in January.

Ex-prez Hamid returns to Bangladesh month after departure sparked uproar

PTI, DHAKA: Bangladesh's former president Abdul Hamid, who served two terms during deposed premier Sheikh Hasina's regime, returned to the country on Monday after receiving medical treatment abroad.

The 81-year-old ex-president returned from Thailand a month after his "secret departure" sparked protests in Bangladesh for being allowed to leave despite being accused in a murder case.

"He landed here in predawn hours on a Thai Airways flight. He left the

airport on completion of required immigration formalities that took nearly an hour and a half," an official of the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) told reporters.

Hamid returned like other ordinary passengers, said HSIA Executive Director Group Captain SM Ragib Samad. Private TV channels also shared footage of his car leaving the airport.

He left Dhaka on May 8 through the same airport after completing the required formalities but his quiet departure sparked

loud protests.

Leaders and activists of the student-led National Citizen Party (NCP), which led last year's violent movement that ousted former prime minister Hasina's Awami League government, said authorities let Hamid "flee" despite being accused in a murder case.

Home Affairs Adviser Retd Lt Gen Jahangir Alam Chowdhury had vowed to step down if he failed to take punitive action against the officials involved, claiming he was unaware of the departure at the time.

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Don't let deep sea become 'wild west', Guterres tells world leaders

AFP, NICE, FRANCE: United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres said on Monday the world could not let the deepest oceans "become the wild west", at the start in France of a global summit on the seas.

World leaders are attending the UN Ocean Conference in Nice as nations tackle over contentious rules on mining the seabed for critical minerals and the terms of a global treaty

on plastic pollution.

US President Donald Trump has brought urgency to the debate around deep-sea mining, moving to fast-track US exploration in international waters and sidestepping global efforts to regulate the nascent sector.

The International Seabed Authority, which has jurisdiction over the ocean floor outside national waters, is meeting in July to discuss a global mining

code to regulate mining in the ocean depths.

Guterres said he supported these negotiations and urged caution as countries navigate these "new waters on seabed mining".

"The deep sea cannot become the wild west," he said, to applause from the plenary floor.

Many countries oppose seabed mining, and France is hoping more nations in Nice will join a moratorium until more is known about

the ecological impacts of the practice.

French President Emmanuel Macron said a moratorium on deep-sea mining was "an international necessity".

"I think it's madness to launch predatory economic action that will disrupt the deep seabed, disrupt biodiversity, destroy it and release irrecoverable carbon sinks – when we know nothing about it," the French

president said.

The deep sea, Greenland and Antarctica were "not for sale," he said in follow up remarks to thunderous applause.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva called for "clear action" from the seabed authority to end a "predatory race" among nations seeking critical minerals on the ocean floor. "We now see the threat of unilateralism looming over the ocean. We cannot

allow what happened to international trade to happen to the sea," he said.

Macron said a global pact to protect marine life in international waters had received enough support to become law and was "a done deal".

The high seas treaty struck in 2023 requires ratifications from 60 signatory countries to enter into force, something France hoped to achieve before Nice.